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CELEBRATE EIGHT NIGHTS OF LIGHTS SHINING BRIGHT

Kindle the lights of Hanukkah with our Temple family during eight nights of connecting online, sharing the glow of candles and spirit of community as we embrace the holiday with renewed strength and resilience. Hanukkah begins on Thursday evening, December 10.

Even though we can't physically be together, please join us virtually to celebrate the Festival of Lights each evening from your home during this unusual period in our lives. Be part of making special memories to unite us as a *kehila kedosha* (holy community) as we share warmth, friendship, and tradition amid challenging conditions.

Our nightly Hanukkah at Home celebrations will be led by Rabbi Meir or fellow congregants. We invite you to have your *hanukkiya* and candles nearby to light with us. Not only will we offer the blessings and enjoy seeing a variety of menorahs, but we'll also have an opportunity to exchange *Chag Hanukkah Sameach* greetings.

1st Night

We'll gather on Thursday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom, led by Rabbi Meir.

2nd Night - Hanukkah and Shabbat Service

Share the joy of Hanukkah and Shabbat during our service on Friday, December 11 at 6 p.m. on Zoom. Rabbi Meir will lead us in worship and share insights about the story of the Maccabees' triumph over the Greeks and their rededication of the Temple. We'll light Hanukkah candles for the second night and for Shabbat.

3rd through 8th Nights

On each of the remaining six nights of Hanukkah, you're invited to a different host home via Zoom for the candle lighting. Our schedule:

Saturday and Sunday, December 12 and 13 at 5:30 p.m.

Monday through Thursday, December 14 to 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Links for each night will be provided in the weekly email. Thank you to Rabbi Meir and all who are making these special events possible!



CELEBRATE NEW YEAR WITH CHAMPAGNE SHABBAT

As we begin the new year with prayers for better times ahead, please join us for our Shabbat service led by Rabbi Meir on Friday, January 1 at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

Have your wine nearby or BYOB (bring your own bubbly) for Kiddush and a toast for good health and peace in 2021. We'll also have an opportunity to offer Happy New Year wishes to each other and celebrate as a community.



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UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES



JANUARY SERVICES

Champagne Shabbat Service

Friday, January 1
6 p.m. via Zoom
Have a glass of champagne nearby to share a toast to 2021.

Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday, January 2
10 a.m. via Zoom

Shabbat Service

Friday, January 8
6 p.m. via Zoom

Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday, January 9
10 a.m. via Zoom

Shabbat Service

Friday, January 15
6 p.m. via Zoom

Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday, January 16
10 a.m. via Zoom

Shabbat Service

Friday, January 22
6 p.m. via Zoom

Shabbat Service

KISS (Kids in Shabbat Service)
Saturday, January 23
10 a.m. via Zoom
B'nei mitzvah students will participate

Shabbat Service

Friday, January 29
6 p.m. via Zoom

Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday, January 30
10 a.m. via Zoom

Need more information? Visit us at templecav.org or give us a call at (260) 744-4245.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Torah Study

Tuesdays, December 1 & 8
7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom
Tuesday, December 15
6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Hanukkah at Home Candle Lighting

Thursday, December 10
7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Friday, December 11

6 p.m. via Zoom (part of Hanukkah service)

Saturday & Sunday, December 12 & 13
5:30 p.m. via Zoom

Monday to Thursday, December 14-17
7:30 p.m. via Zoom

JANUARY EVENTS

Torah Study

Tuesdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26
7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom

Leadership Development Seminar

Wednesdays, January 13 & 27
6:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom
RSVP required.



SHARE COMMUNITY ONLINE WHILE BUILDING REMAINS CLOSED

Keeping our Achduth Vesholom family connected through online worship, educational programs, and social offerings is important to us while our building remains closed due to the pandemic. We particularly hope you'll join us for Hanukkah at Home each night for candle lighting. Links for online services and activities will be sent through our weekly email to members and our extended Temple family.

A COVID Task Force with congregants from the legal, medical, human resources, educational, local community, and congregational fields continues to monitor the situation locally and to work on a reopening plan and protocols.

We recognize this is a challenging time for everyone. The Temple is a *kehila kedosha*, a holy community, that is here for you. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns. Office hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact us at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org.

We will continue to keep our members updated regularly. Please also check for information on our congregational Facebook page and our website at www.templecav.org.

DECEMBER SERVICES

Links are provided in our weekly email.

Shabbat Service

KISS (Kids in Shabbat Service)
Friday, December 4
6 p.m. via Zoom
Hebrew students will participate

Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 5
10 a.m. via Zoom

Hanukkah & Shabbat Service

Friday, December 11
6 p.m. via Zoom

Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 12
10 a.m. via Zoom

Shabbat Service

Friday, December 18
6 p.m. via Zoom

Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 19
6 p.m. via Zoom

Shabbat Service

Friday, December 25
6 p.m. via Zoom

Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 26
6 p.m. via Zoom

FIND LINKS FOR ONLINE SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Links for our online worship services and events are provided through our weekly email to members of our extended Temple family. We warmly welcome visitors. For access information, please contact the Temple office at office@templecav.org or (260) 744-4245.

RABBI MEIR BARGERON

FROM DARKNESS TO RESILIENCE

The Jewish month of *Kislev* falls during the darkest time of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, and the transition from autumn to winter serves to intensify the experience of darkness -- and this is in any normal year.

In 2020-21 and 5781, the darkness is accompanied by the anxiety and the isolation that is inherent to the pandemic, and also by the highly contentious atmosphere of the presidential election and transition. There has never been a *Kislev* quite like this one before and, God willing, there never will be one like this again.

We will soon welcome Hanukkah, just when we really need it. For eight nights we will light candles in our homes, staying safely apart while we remain connected as a community with the help of Zoom. Hanukkah is popularly known as the "Festival of Lights." While that is indeed an accurate description of the holiday, I believe that another dimension of Hanukkah is also quite applicable to life in 2020-21.

Hanukkah means "dedication," and commemorates the rededication of the Temple following a period of religious oppression. The relighting of the *ner tamid*, the constantly burning lamp in the temple (that is reenacted when we light our *hanukiyot*), indeed brought light to the darkness. But the opportunity to kindle the light of dedication represents tremendous **resilience**. This strength, this capacity to weather adversity, is the dimension of Hanukkah that I offer for your consideration in 5781.

As dark as things may seem, our collective experience as a Jewish people reminds us that we have the ability to endure difficult times. We support and inspire one another, we pray together, and we delight in the reading and study of our Torah -- all in holy community. I am hopeful and increasingly confident that we will be able to gather together in gradually larger groups and even embrace one another in our sanctuary and our chapel in the coming year.

In these dark days, Hanukkah reminds us of our resilience and our strength. We will endure; we will get through this difficult time; because beyond each of our individual capabilities, we have each other.

May each of you be illumined by the lights of Hanukkah and be guided by them to find your own strength. *Chag Sameach!*

Rabbi Meir



DELVE INTO TORAH WITH US

Join Rabbi Meir Bargeron for Torah Study on Zoom when we delve into important lessons from the Torah. We'll meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on these Tuesdays: December 1, 8, and January 5, 12, 19, & 26. Class on December 15 will meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. so that all may participate in the Hanukkah at Home candle lighting.

This learning series grew out of robust discussions during our Shabbat morning services that demonstrated an enthusiasm and interest from congregants in nurturing and encouraging an in-depth study of Torah. Everyone who is post-b'nai Mitzvah and older is welcome.

We will begin by studying the weekly Torah portion, and may experiment with different formats. All that is needed is access to a *Tanakh* (Hebrew Bible). Free resources include [Sefaria.org](https://www.sefaria.org), a non-profit, free comprehensive library of Jewish texts. Other options for purchase may be found on the Temple website.

DONATE PEANUT BUTTER FOR FOOD DRIVE

The Temple's December Food Drive this year will focus on donations of peanut butter for the food bank at [Wellspring Interfaith Social Services](https://www.wellspringinterfaith.org). Support the Temple's effort to help feed the hungry in our community. Get creative -- donate for each of the eight nights of Hanukkah or contribute the equivalent of what you saved from not cooking a large Thanksgiving dinner!

Due to the pandemic, our customary collection bin will not be available at the Temple. Instead, please give directly to the food bank through one of these options:

- **Order one or more cases of 16-oz. jars of peanut butter** to be delivered directly to Wellspring, 1316 Broadway, Fort Wayne, 46802
- **Write a check for \$5 or more and send to Wellspring**
- **Donate online** to Wellspring for the food bank

If you'd like to help the Temple with your donation at the same time, use your [Kroger Community Rewards](https://www.kroger.com/rewards) card (Organization number IF039) or [AmazonSmile](https://www.amazon.com/smile) program (designate Achduth Vesholom Congregation).

Thank you to our Social Action Committee for organizing the food drive.



THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS PROVIDES TURKEYS FOR CHILDREN AND TEACHERS



The tremendous generosity of the Jewish community has made this year's Thoughtful Thursdays Turkey Project our most successful to date. Thank you so much to everyone who donated money and to the Temple member (who again this year wished to remain anonymous) who paid for 40 turkeys. We raised enough money to provide a 12-to-14-pound turkey for each of the Brightpoint Head Start families and their teachers.

In addition to the turkey, the families received a roasting pan, cooking bags, and directions for cooking the turkey. A large bag will go out in early December with mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, corn muffin mix, toilet paper, hot chocolate mix, paper towels, and a holiday tin of butter cookies.

Thank you so much to Brooke Hartman, the Brightpoint Head Start director at the Temple, for helping transport and pass out the turkeys – and providing photos!

We welcome volunteers to shop for items for the monthly Thoughtful Thursdays bags. Please email Sally Trotter at sartrotter@gmail.com if you can help. Brightpoint also welcomes donations of sweatshirts and sweatpants in children's sizes 5-6.



Thoughtful Thursdays is a project of Congregation Achduth Vesholom and the [Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne](#).

Remember, hunger doesn't stop just because there is a pandemic!

Sally Trotter and Bonnie Pomerantz, Thoughtful Thursdays co-chairs

NEW TITLES FOR ADULTS IN LIBRARY

Last month we featured multiple new children's books from Kar-Ben Publishers added to the shelves in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#). This month, we have a few new titles to feature for adults.

In addition to *On Division*, by Goldie Goldbloom, our Temple Book Club selection for March 2, we have another new novel, *A Bend in the Stars*, by Rachel Barenbaum. Set in Russia in 1914, it follows Miri and Vanya, a sister and brother. Miri is about to become a surgeon, a first for Russian women, and Vanya is working hard on Einstein's

Theory of Relativity. They are considering

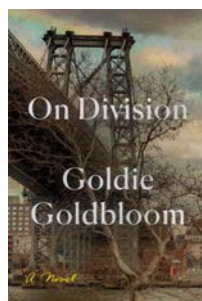
leaving for America like much of the Jewish community when Vanya goes missing.

Along with fiction, we have a few non-fiction, history-related titles to share with you. *Strangers and Natives: A Newspaper Narrative of Early Jewish America 1734-1869* by Ron Rubin is a fascinating look at American Jewish history through the eyes of newspapers and periodicals of the time. The book is a collection of scans of original newspaper articles, many from the author's personal collection.

Janet Hovorka's *Zap the Grandma Gap* is a fun handbook for those interested in family history and wondering how to pass it along to younger family members. Focused mainly on sharing family stories and bridging generations, there are also tips for records preservation and research.

Finally, we've added *The Passover Haggadah: A Biography* by Vanessa L. Ochs to our collection. Part of the "Lives of Great Religious Books" series, the book focuses on the history of Haggadah, from its origins in biblical literature through medieval times to today's variety of Haggadot.

As a reminder, even while the building is closed, you can reserve a title to pick up in the Temple office. Simply visit [our catalog online](#) and click on "Place Hold" when you've found what you're looking for. If you do not have your account number – necessary for the hold process – contact Betsy Gephart at library@templecav.org. Please take advantage of this Temple resource!



"ON DIVISION" UP NEXT FOR TEMPLE BOOK CLUB

After a fantastic session a few weeks ago at our Temple Book Club with author [Talia Carner](#), we're looking forward to our next event on Tuesday, March 2 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Goldie Goldbloom will join us to discuss her novel, *On Division*, winner of the 2020 Jewish Fiction Award.

Set in Brooklyn's Chassidic community, the book follows Surie Eckstein, a 57-year-old wife, mother, and grandmother, who has just discovered she is pregnant. From *The National Book Review*, "Goldbloom captures the full scale of human emotion in this family in a contemporary ultra-Orthodox community as Surie contends with this news, and somehow taps into the particular demands of Chassidic life, as well as the universality of shifting generational boundaries."

Rachel Kamin of the [Association of Jewish Libraries](#) writes, "The result is a multi-layered story of how secrets can shake even the most secure and close-knit families that is accessible to readers both familiar and unfamiliar with the insular world of ultra-Orthodox Jews."

On Division is available in the [Rabbi Richard B. Safran Library](#). Plan to join us for our discussion in March.

VIRTUAL READING OF "TOLLY'S FOLLY" AT JEWISH THEATRE OF BLOOMINGTON

A staged reading of "Talley's Folly" is the latest virtual production of the [Jewish Theatre of Bloomington](#) on Saturday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 6 at 2 p.m. via Zoom.

The play by Lanford Wilson, Tony Award-winning playwright, is a Pulitzer Prize-winning romantic comedy. It's directed by Martha Jacobs and stars Daniel Meeks and Anna Doyle, MFA Acting candidates from Indiana University's Department of Theatre and Drama.

[RSVP to receive an email with the link](#) on the day of the reading. Suggested donation: \$25. Recommended from age 14+.

YOUTH NEWS

LANGUAGE AND LEGACY



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Language that we use can be very interesting and may reflect the region of the country we were raised or from whom we learned to speak. For example, do you drink pop or soda; do you take out the garbage or the trash...

and so forth and so on.

The words we use as Jews may shed light on where our ancestors lived or the ancestry of our teachers. Did they go to shul or to shil; perhaps they ate kugel or kigel? Maybe you have eaten a knish or bureka... both of them dough filled items of delight!

At Hanukkah we eat (potato) pancakes, or latkes or perhaps *l'vivot*. We spin a little top, or dreidel or perhaps a *s'vivon*. Do you eat jelly donuts or *sufganiyot*?

Our 5th and 6th grade students are doing a unit on family history under the guidance of Betsy Gephart. Beyond the documentation of our ancestors' journeys are the stories and the use of language that tell of their experiences. It is the recipes that are handed down, the heirlooms that are held dear, and the traditions that are embraced that are the chapters of everyone's family history. What are the stories that are passed down in your family? What is the legacy that will be told about your family?

May the warmth and glow of the Hanukkah lights illuminate your homes with love and perseverance, courage and optimism!

Pamela Friedman, Religious School Principal



Sixth-grade students in our Religious School received prayer books during our Shabbat service on October 23 in celebration of beginning their b'nei mitzvah studies. Achduth Vesholom customarily recognizes students in 5th grade, but this special occasion was delayed from the spring due to the pandemic. The students shared their thoughts on the concepts of God and prayer in an interesting dialogue as their families beamed with pride. Mazel tov to our students and their families as they continue on their journey to this milestone.

WINTER BREAK AND UPCOMING RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DATES

Religious School and Hebrew classes will not meet on Sunday, December 20 through Thursday, January 7. Enjoy your time off and have a happy start to 2021!

Sunday classes resume on January 10. Hebrew classes will begin on Tuesday-Thursday, January 12-14. Religious School will not meet on Sunday, January 17 due to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend.

Upcoming KISS (Kids in Shabbat Service) participation are Friday, December 4 (Hebrew students) and Saturday, January 23 (B'nei Mitzvah students).



LOOKING AHEAD TO A GREAT SUMMER AT GUCI!

Registration is underway for an exciting summer 2021 of fun and Jewish friendships at Goldman Union Camp Institute, our regional Union for Reform Judaism camp in Zionsville.

Enroll your child entering third grade in the fall through high school. GUCI provides a wonderful atmosphere where it's cool to be Jewish!

Please contact the Temple office for campership information or Campership Chair Brian Rosman. Considering Jewish overnight camp for the first time? Your child may be eligible for a need-blind grant of up to \$1,000 this summer through the Foundation for Jewish Camp.

MANY CANDLES, ONE WORLD CELEBRATES HANUKKAH

Many Candles, One World is a streamed presentation on Sunday, December 13 at 8 p.m. featuring Hanukkah music and traditions from around the world. Sponsored by the World Union for Progressive Judaism and Central Synagogue in New York, the event showcases acclaimed choirs, cantors, and special celebrity guests. It is produced by the Tony Award-winning team of Yael Silver and Carmine Entertainment.

Connect to “Many Candles, One World” on Central Synagogue’s YouTube channel.

The World Union for Progressive Judaism is the international network of the Reform, Liberal, Progressive, and Reconstructionist movements, serving 1,200 congregations with 1.8 million members in more than 50 countries.

FORGOING A FEW FAVORITE TRADITIONS THIS YEAR

This time of year usually brings some favorite Temple traditions that tide us over the winter months with opportunities for sharing community while enjoying delicious food. Sadly, with health and safety concerns in mind, we’re unable to offer these special events in the coming weeks.

These include our annual Chinese Shabbat when we gather for an early service at the Temple on the Friday closest to Christmas, followed by dinner together at a restaurant for Asian cuisine. This year, it especially will be helpful to patronize local Chinese restaurants with take-out orders on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to eat at home, as our business can be helpful on the holiday.

Another event is the much-loved Home Shabbat, which for the past 17 years enabled us to match congregants, both hosts and guests, at homes throughout Fort Wayne to share a Sabbath meal while making new and renewed friendships.

And, during the past two years, our festive Souper Bowl Shabbat, featuring a delicious sampling of soups made by our members and with a friendly competition for top chef. Extra soup helped us assist members in need of caring.

While we’re disappointed, we pray for improved conditions next year and the ability to join together in-person to bring back these enjoyable traditions.

In the meantime, we remain flexible and ask you to share in our new normal of virtual Temple life from a safe distance. We’re looking forward to the coming months of online programming – including Hanukkah at Home candle lighting evenings this month, a Community Shabbat on Friday, February 5, and other special events being planned.

MANY CANDLES, ONE WORLD



From Home Shabbat 2020



Though the annual community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at the Temple was canceled in November, we were able to continue our partnership with the 7th grade students at Towles New Tech for their world religions unit. Temple member and Towles teacher Wendi Wallet, Rabbi Meir, and students in Ron Friedman’s Religious School class shared information about Judaism as part of the program. For several years, we’ve displayed artwork at the Thanksgiving service created by the Towles students. This year, we’re able to share their talent in the Bulletin and on the Temple Facebook page.



HANUKKAH RESOURCES FOR YOUR CELEBRATION

Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, begins on Thursday evening, December 10. The Union for Reform Judaism offers these and many other resources for the holiday:



[History of the Hanukkah](#)

[Customs and rituals](#)

[Classic latkes](#) and [Global](#)

[Hanukkah cuisine](#)

[Family activities](#)

[Blessings](#)

[How to play dreidel](#)

Happy Hanukkah
from Rabbi Meir,
the Temple Board
and Staff!

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM NEEDS YOU

What does it take to run and nurture a thriving congregation? Committed volunteers who are willing to get involved and share their talent, time, and ideas. This is an especially important period in the life of Achduth Vesholom as we navigate the impact of the pandemic on the Temple, welcome a new rabbi during a period of virtual community, and evolve as one congregation with two traditions.

We value your membership and encourage you to learn more about the Temple by attending a two-session leadership development seminar on Wednesday, January 13 and 27 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Zoom.

By taking the step to participate at the Temple, you also can develop new friendships, deepen relationships with other members, and contribute to a meaningful future for the Jewish community in Northeast Indiana.

During the sessions, we'll talk about the importance of involvement at Achduth Vesholom and how each of us can and should do our part to help the congregation, whether through attending activities, volunteering on a committee or project, or serving on the Board of Directors.

You'll hear Rabbi Meir and congregational leaders share information about the tradition of Jewish communal involvement, the role of the board and committees, the basics of congregational operations, the history of Achduth Vesholom and the Rifkin Campus, and much more.

The program is presented by the Board Development Committee: Fran Adler, Jamie Berger, Betsy Gephart, Mark Schneider, John Stein, and Beth Zweig (chair).

Please join us for this important gathering. Kindly RSVP to the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org by Tuesday, January 5. Questions? Please contact Beth Zweig at blzweig@msn.com.

LEARN ABOUT POLISH AND GALICIAN RECORDS DURING GENEALOGY PROGRAM



Following a successful webinar with Photo Detective Maureen Taylor in November, the [Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society](#) will present genealogist Mark Halpern on Sunday, February 14 via Zoom.

Halpern works with [JRI-Poland](#), [JewishGen](#), and [the International Association of Jewish Genealogy Societies](#). He serves on the Board and Executive Group of JRI-Poland, is the founder of Bialystok Area Jewish Genealogy Group, and is on the Advisory Board of Gesher Galicia. Mark was honored in 2018 with the IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award.

On February 14, he will present two virtual programs, both free and open to the public. "The Basics of Jewish Research in Poland" will begin at 2 p.m. He'll then present "A Deeper Dive into Galician Records" at 3:30 p.m.

Galicia, a province of Austria-Hungary that is now split between Poland and western Ukraine, is the place of origin for many American Jewish families. We hope you will plan to join us for these informative programs! [Registration information](#) will be posted on the society's website.

THANK YOU FOR CORNED BEEF DONATIONS!

Though we canceled our 19th annual Corned Beef on Rye – Sure to Satisfy sale in November due to the pandemic, we are grateful to the nearly two dozen congregants and friends who have stepped up in recent weeks to contribute \$5,000 to help offset the loss of our largest fundraiser. The Temple had expected to raise at least \$15,000 this year through our delicious meals.

Looking ahead, we anticipate pent-up demand for the return of our boxed lunches that include a mouthwatering corned beef on rye, creamy coleslaw, crunchy dill pickle, and fudgy brownie. We are focused on bringing back Deli Day better than ever in fall 2021 and involving even more congregants in this important tradition.

It's not too late to offer your support:

- Please **make a donation** to our general operations for an amount you would have spent to sponsor and buy meals (indicate "corned beef" in the "in honor of" line).
- **Get involved on the Corned Beef Committee** to help raise money and build camaraderie within the congregation. Please contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 or office@templecav.org to say you'd like to assist with planning the event.



Mazel Tov To:

Cindi & Richard Wismer

on the birth of their granddaughter, Maya Apple Goodis, on November 21, 2020 in Chicago. Proud parents are Codi & Alan Goodis and big sister, Noa.

Marni & David Hutner and family on the birth of their granddaughter Leah Ann Krumanaker on November 5, 2020 in Fort Wayne. Proud parents are Jessica & John Krumanaker.

Bonnie & Alex Crubaugh on the birth of their first grandchild, Beckham John Gustafson, on October 26, 2020 in Louisville, Ky. Proud parents are Kelli Sio & Steve Gustafson. Bonnie retired in 2017 after 16 years as the Temple's bookkeeper. She and Alex are active volunteers with the Jewish community's Thoughtful Thursdays program.

Judy & Marty Rifkin on the engagement of their daughter, Rachel, to Kate Miller, daughter of Mariann & Tony Miller. Rachel and Kate live in Chelsea, NY.

Irene Walters on receiving the Diane Humphrey Award from [Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana](#) on November 21 at the organization's [Champagne Brunch](#). The award recognizes women who demonstrate passionate volunteerism, strong community leadership, and a lifelong commitment to serving others.

join our team

A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY



Eloheinu v'Elohei Avoteinu v'Imoteinu
Our God and God of our Ancestors
M'kor HaBracha, M'kor HaChaim
Source of Blessing, Source of Life:

You have implanted within us great abilities
We can each be a source of blessing
We can each nurture and protect life
Bless us with the strength, courage, and wisdom

To be healers
To be creators of hope
To be *rodfei tsedek* and *rodfei shalom*
Those who live in pursuit of justice and peace
Eloheinu v'Elohei Avoteinu v'Imoteinu
Our God and God of our Ancestors:
Our country faces great challenges:
Suffering and sickness,
Hatred and violence,
Inequity, narrow-mindedness,
Division, despair, too many deaths

Let us rise up to meet these challenges
To fill every corner of the land with love and peace.
Let us rise up for the next generation:
That the blessings we have taken for granted

The blessings some of us have never been able to take for granted -
Might be secure for our children,
And our highest aspirations
Might one day be their blessings to cherish.
Amen.

*-Rabbi Peter Stein, adapted by
Rabbi Beth Kalisch*

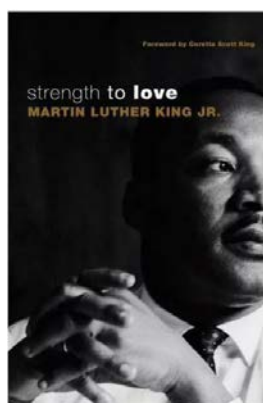
BOOK DISCUSSION FOCUSES ON SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ACTIVISM

The Fort Wayne Downtown Rotary Peace Committee and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne invite you to a book discussion group for thoughtful conversation on issues of social justice and activism.

The group will meet on Tuesday, December 1 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Rotary Zoom Room to discuss its first book selection, *Strength to Love* by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The Rev. Bill McGill, pastor of Imani Baptist Temple and a powerful voice for reconciliation in Fort Wayne, will join the discussion.

The book is a classic collection of Dr. King's sermons that fused his work as a religious leader with his radical ideas of love and nonviolence as a means to combat hate and oppression.

If you are interested in participating, please email Dee Hoffman at deehoffman@aol.com or Julie Bobay at jbobay@scibuild.com.



VIOLINS OF HOPE RETROSPECTIVE ON PBS

Tune in to PBS Fort Wayne, Channel 39.1, on Sunday, December 6 at 2 p.m. for a concert commemorating the one-year anniversary of Violins of Hope Fort Wayne featuring the world-renowned violinist Vadim Gluzman with pianist Angela Yoffe. The concert is presented by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, and PBS Fort Wayne.

The program includes commentary from Music Director Andrew Constantine and Rabbi Meir Barger. Thank you to the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation for its continued support.



CONFRONTING THE SHOAH CLASS RETURNS

Please join Dr. David Lindquist for a six-session class providing comprehensive contextual and historical knowledge about the Nazi Holocaust. Classes will meet on Zoom at 7 p.m. on the following Tuesdays: February 2, 9, 16, & 23 and March 9 & 16.

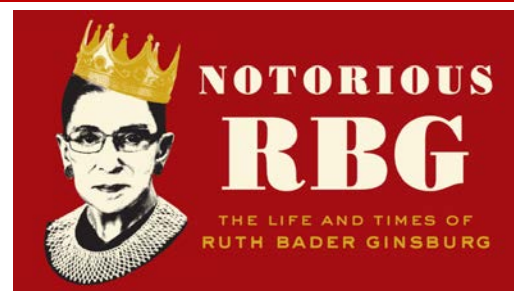
Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, the program is open to everyone. Please call (260) 456-0400 or email office@fwjf.org to register. Class materials and the Zoom link will be sent to participants the week before classes begin.

Major funding for the program is provided by the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation and gifts to the Federation's annual campaign.

TAKE VIRTUAL TOUR OF NOTORIOUS RBG EXHIBIT

The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne invites you to a virtual exhibition called "Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg" on Sunday, January 10 at 6 p.m. at the Illinois Holocaust Museum.

The exhibit is based on the *New York Times* bestselling book and Tumblr page of the same name. It was developed by Associate Curator at Los Angeles Skirball Cultural Center Cate Thurston in partnership with Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik, co-authors of the *New York Times* bestselling book, *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*.



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THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED WITH WORSHIP SERVICES

Our congregation is very fortunate to offer regular Shabbat evening and morning worship via Zoom!

We are grateful to Rabbi Meir for his spiritual guidance and inspiration - and also to the team that supports him and our members in providing religious services. Thank you to:

- Ron Friedman for leading services most Shabbat mornings, with Rabbi Meir offering the D'var Torah, and for leading solo on Thanksgiving weekend
- Ronnie & Norm Greenberg for leading Shabbat evening on Thanksgiving weekend and sharing their music with us periodically during the year
- Our "Digital Gabbai" – Temple Executive Director Samara Sheray and Ritual Committee Chair Denny Reynolds, who keep Zoom running smoothly for worship and monitor the "door" for attendees
- The Ritual Committee for advising and supporting Rabbi Meir in planning and leading our worship

Please join us weekly to share the joy of Shabbat services with prayer, song, and learning.



PLEASE PLAN FOR 2020 YEAR-END DONATIONS

For your 2020 tax planning purposes, our guidelines for establishing the date when dues payments and donations are received:

- If by mail, the postmarked date
- If hand delivered, the date received at the Temple
- If by phone or directly online (credit cards only), the date of the call or donation made
- Any gifts of appreciated securities must be received into the Temple's account on or before December 15. Contact Joni Sharkey, Registered Client Associate at Wells Fargo Advisors, at (260) 423-4862 for further information. Wells Fargo Advisors is a trade name used by Wells Fargo Clearing Services, LLC, Member SIPC

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OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Rabbi Marla & Marc Spanjer on the death of her father, Ron Subeck, on November 22, 2020 in Glenview, IL. We also think of their daughter, Michal Spanjer, on the death of her grandfather.

Marnie & Mark Lowden on the death of her grandfather, Harold Prigozen, on November 29, 2020 in Dayton, OH. We also think of her children, Leo and Iris Powell, on the loss of their great-grandfather.



JANUARY YAHRZEITS

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Karoline Stein
Richard Tankel
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Leonard Weinraub
Sarah Weiss

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Grete Benedix
Ruth Berkow
Linda Berwert
Sol Bronstein
William Brosler
Hedwig Einstein
Samuel Finkelstein
Maureen Gilbert
Isidore Goldberg
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Ted Replane
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Herman Sheyer
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The Temple building is closed for activities. Our staff is doing essential work in the office and may be reached on Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at (260) 744-4245.

The Temple office will close at noon on Thursdays, December 24 and December 31. We will be closed on Fridays, December 25 and January 1.

The Temple is located at the Rifkin Campus at 5200. Our Campus partners are the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne, the Fort Wayne Jewish Cemetery Association, the PFW Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Brightpoint Head Start, the Madge Rothschild Resource Center, and the Northeast Indiana Jewish Genealogy Society.



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The deadline for the February Bulletin is Friday, January 15

PRESIDENT'S CORNER ELLEN TOM



As we prepare to celebrate Hanukkah and the secular New Year amid the COVID pandemic, we know these holidays will be different than in years past. I know for me, these coming days and months will continue to bring moments of uncertainty, and feelings of isolation and loneliness. But faced with these limitations, there have been many moments of gratitude. I have a deeper appreciation for my family and friends, but I have also grown in my appreciation for our Temple and congregational family.

After stumbling upon an article written in the New York Times, "I am thankful to be thankful," the writer invited readers to send six words describing what made them thankful in 2020. I thought this was a great idea and an opportunity to close out the year by hearing from some of you on what has made you thankful for the Temple and our Jewish community in 2020.

Many of you replied on very short notice, and I am grateful to all of you!

Here is a selection of responses:

- The warm, intimate Zoom Shabbat services
- New friendships, Jewish learning, supportive individuals
- Warmth and hospitality
- Respect for our history
- So much talent in our community
- Wonderful staff
- We're rising to the challenges of the pandemic
- Dedicated leaders
- Kindness, inspiration, learning
- A sense of normalcy in an abnormal world. Community. Lessened the isolation.
- Happy to have friendly Jewish community
- New Rabbi, online services, frequent communication
- We are together as one community!
- Gathering with the Thoughtful Thursdays ladies
- Community, friendship, support
- Comfort, mah jongg, Rabbi and Temple leadership
- Caring, generosity, support, hope
- Inclusive, intimate, heartwarming
- I am thankful for the Temple's ability to continue to offer services to the community during COVID
- Comfort, community, tradition, peacefulness, friendship, support
- Past, Present, Future, my ritual home
- Friday Shabbat services help us cope
- At a distance we stayed strong
- CAV offers me peace

May you all have a Happy Hanukkah and a New Year filled with gratitude, health and happiness!